

The pandemic continues to surge and we are doing everything we can to protect the health and safety our employees and community members. We are closely following the directives from the County and State and will continue to inform you as information becomes available. Please do everything in your power to stay safe and let management know if there's anything else we can be doing. We restart City Council meetings next Tuesday and expect to maintain our

safe distancing protocols through the end of the year.

New COVID-19 Temporary Outdoor Use Permit (C-TOP) Program

In response to the San Diego County Department of Health implementing new restrictions on indoor operations for certain business types, last week the City relaxed its regulations for **outdoor dining**, **places of worship** and **personal services** (gyms, salons, barbers, nail salons), allowing them to expand into private parking lots with a new C-TOP application process with no fees. This is in addition to our existing Activate the Right of Way (A.R.O.W) program which also permits eligible businesses to create outdoor dining and displays on City sidewalks. For more information on these outdoor space activation permits and how to apply <u>click here</u>. Thank you to Engineering, Planning and Fire for working together to launch the new program.

Supporting Local Businesses

We realize the incredible challenges many of our businesses are facing, trying to stay open despite significant drops in customers and changes in health regulations. We are working diligently to support our business community and help them weather this recession, with programs such as C-TOP and our Small Business Loan Program; however, the long term vitality of our businesses ultimately depends upon support from the local community. Please encourage your family and friends to shop locally and keep their sales taxes dollars in National City!

Together We Can! - Housing Authority Team

The National City Housing Authority has provided housing assistance to 1,123 households through the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program since COVID-19 began in March. This includes processing households from the waiting list and checking on household welfare of program participants. Staff is also managing the implementation of the Eviction and Foreclosure Moratorium Ordinance for residents impacted by COVID-19, and has expedited contracts for Federal CARES Act CDBG-CV program funding providing COVID-19 testing, remote literacy programs through the National City Library, utility assistance, employment counseling, and supplemental landlord and tenant mitigation resources. Great job Housing Team!

